njanuse 4 109 Ev-04146-LLP Document 48-3 - Filed 07/06/05 Page 1 of 11 PageID #: 1087 Page 13 Page 15 joke, would you say. With all the new them. Right? legislation, one might assume everything on the A. I wouldn't call it support. I think they're Internet is monitored. more interested in riding off any coattails or Q. I mean to your knowledge has the Secret Service 4 any waves we were to make. I don't think monitored your e-mails from time to time? 5 they're overtly intent on helping us, rather A. Not to my knowledge without our handing it to than following any kind of publicity we could 6 them, without us faxing them a copy of the 7 e-mail. 8 Q. I see. Have you talked to Mr. Gannon? Q. Have you ever, when they've made threats on A. I have never spoken with Mr. Gannon your life, have you given it to any other like personally. 10 local law enforcement? 11 Q. Do you know that he used to be involved in A. We have given some of the threats on ourselves Republican party politics before? 12 13 A. I would say it doesn't surprise me in the to the local FBI office, and they don't really least, but I did not know that. care. 14 15 Q. Have you ever received any in kind or other 5 Q. Nice guys. Don't feel neglected. People out here have trouble getting them to care, too. support from politicians or political 16 Who are the officers of ProBush.com, organizations? 17 18 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the beginning? Q. In kind or other kinds of support other than A. Michael Marino, my brother, and myself, Ben financial? Marino. 20 1 Q. I forgot to ask Michael this. Who is the 21 A. In kind? President? 22 Q. That's like an in kind donation, like giving you advertising space for free, website space 3 A. Michael is the President, and I would be your 23 for free. CFO or COO. 24 5 Q. You don't hold any like treasurer or anything 25 A. At most, maybe when there was correspondence Page 14 Page 16 like that? 1 with some other webmasters that my brother had on the Internet, and he was expressing to them 2 A. No. 2 what was going on, and they told -- you know, 3 Q. You own 49 percent? 3 some of the liberal websites expressed that 4 A. That's correct. 4 they were disappointed in the lawsuit, because 5 Q. Have you guys ever thought about issuing shares 5 and selling them? it infringed on their free speech, as well, 6 even if they shared similar opinions as the 7 parties who are opposed to us. I think they 8 might have put a link up and just a little 9 pockets. As it began to generate some revenue, brief. I think Antiwar.com might have did that 10 11

7 A. We have not thought about that. 8 O. How is ProBush.com funded? 9 A. In the beginning it was funded from our own all the revenue went back in to pay for the 11 expenses of the company. From time to time,

especially after this trip, we'll probably have 13 to put some of our own money back into it. 14

15 Q. To your knowledge has ProBush.com, the

corporation or the website, or you two 16 individually, you and Michael, received 17

financial support from any politician or 18

political organization?

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20 A. Not to my knowledge. That could pretty much be accepted as fact, because we would be the ones

receiving, and we have not received any money.

23 Q. I don't know if you would consider the Free

Speech Foundation to be a political

organization, but you do get some support from

for us. If there were any others, I wouldn't really be aware of them. I remember that was the one he mentioned to me. That would be the only kind of thing I could imagine.

Q. I want to ask you, remember Michael talking 15 about this Amazon affiliate link. He said you 16 handled all that. What's that all about? 17

Amazon has this program on the Internet, which 18

basically -- I'm not even sure what it's 19 called. I forget what it's called. It's a way 20

for website publishers to collect money to keep 21

their websites running. It's not really meant 22 to be political or charitable or anything like 23

24 that.

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customize what you want it to say. You can say, "Help me, I'm poor. Please help me keep my website up." You can say, "We're getting sued by another company trying to steal our domain name. Help us." You can solicit money in any way you wish.

Our way to solicit money was, "Help us.
We're in a lawsuit. Please donate money if you have any available."

- Q So is Amazon the host for that? I'm not quite following.
- 2 A. Amazon, keep in mind that Amazon is one of your
- larger Internet companies, so they're involved
- in everything, books to electronics, even to
- 5 affiliate programs, which he was speaking of
- 6 before.

When you are an Amazon affiliate, you know, I don't think we do it anymore, but say we were to sell a book on our site about President Bush. The link would go directly to Amazon when someone clicked on that, and our code would be embedded in the next page so we

code would be embedded in the nextgot credit for the sale.

So mostly Amazon does like link tracking and code tracking for affiliates and stuff like and ask them for support in this lawsuit, would Amazon be the ones handling that, too, if people made contributions?

- A. That is where the contributions are going. I'm actually not familiar with if the money goes to Amazon or if it's been moved to our bank account. I think there's a certain period of time that it has to be cleared before it can be deposited in our bank account. It is all
- 11 Q. They do it like monthly or something?
- 12 A. I really have no idea.

electronic.

- Q. Do you check that bank account from time to time?
- 15 A. Our bank account we check from time to time.
  16 I'm not aware of any transfers from Amazon in
- the recent six months to a year. The last time
- I looked on Amazon it was a couple hundred
- dollars. It just said like two hundred some
- dollars, and it shows like our goal and a little thermometer across the side.
- 22 Q. So you can look on some site on Amazon where you can look at that and see how much you've made?
- 25 A. Right. In fact, I think it's still on our

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- site. You can click that link on our site, and
  - it will go to that Amazon page.
  - Q Okay. I'll take a look at it. Have you ever received any financial or any other kind of support from -- let me just give you a list here. Okay?
  - 7 A. Sure.
  - 8 Q. You can say yes or no to each one. President
    9 Bush.
  - 10 A. No.
  - 11 Q. The Bush administration.
  - 12 A. No.
  - 13 Q. Bush campaign.
  - 14 A. No.
  - 15 Q. Republican party.
  - 16 A. No.
  - 17 Q. Any talk show host?
  - 18 A. No.
  - 19 Q. Any public figures of any kind?
  - 20 A. No.
  - 1 Q. You heard Michael's answers earlier about your
  - financial, your bank accounts and your records
  - and so on. Do you recall that?
  - 24 A. Uh-huh. Yes.
  - 25 Q. Do you disagree with anything he described?

that to make sure people are getting paid on

- 2 their own referrals. This thing is just a
- 3 totally different obscure program that they
- 4 have to allow you to collect.
- 5 The point of it was that Amazon is a
- 6 trusted company. So when I ask you for money,
- you're going to feel more comfortable giving it
- 8 to Amazon than just giving it to me. Rather
- than just giving it to me, and you don't know what's going on. They are more of a trusted
- intermediary, almost like some sort of escrow.
- 2 Q. Do they then charge you a fee for collecting?
- .3 A. Yes.

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- 4 O. How much?
- .5 A. There's a small percentage.
- 16 Q. Like three, five percent, somewhere in there?
- 17 A. Something like that. One of the other things,
- now that I'm remembering more about it, I think
- 19 they do receive -- when they donate the money
- through Amazon to us, they receive some sort of
- 21 Amazon financial credit. Like if they donate
- \$20, I think they get like a \$5 gift
- 23 certificate for the website. It's something
- 24 along those lines.
- 25 Q. So, for example, when you talk on your website

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- we're not really following up on anymore. Kind of lost interest in it.
- 0. So you don't have a newsletter anymore on the website?
- A. We can put one in any day.
- Q. But not right now?
- A. It's just been procrastination things. Other than that, we both kind of share in the ideas. I don't know if anything specifically is my idea. I mean there's plenty of stuff in there that is specifically my idea, but I couldn't tell you which one it is unless we went over every item.
- Q. You were an Independent before, and now you're a Republican. I mean is it your sense that there's more Republicans than Democrats in the United States right now?
- A. That would be difficult to gauge. I would have to agree with you. There are probably more Republicans than Democrats.
- Q. So business is better if you're a Republican right now than if you're a Democrat?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Does that have anything to do with the politics of your website?

- 1 A. I would guess it came from Google.
- 2 Q. But you don't know what site that may have come
- 3 from?
- 4 A. No. Google will offer you a reference at
- times, but everything has become very diluted
- on the Internet. Pictures are posted 10 times 6
- and then 10 times somewhere else, and the same 7
- picture goes around all over the web.
- 9 Q. You've never paid for any of that usage of that 10 photograph or image of him?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. Why did you include Senator Abourezk on the
- 13 Traitor List?
- 14 A. Simply because he signed his name to the Not In
- Our Name Petition. 15
- 16 Q. At the time you put him on there, did you
- believe he committed treason, as we defined in 17
- the Complaint, against the United States of 18
- America? 19
- 20 A. I did not.
- 21 Q. Have you ever believed that about Senator
- 22 Abourezk?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. To your knowledge has he ever been charged with
  - or convicted of being a traitor to the United

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- A. I'm sure on some level it does. It's always
- better to sell what's popular if you're trying
- to get some attention. Why sell an unpopular
- product?
- i Q. If Kerry had won, what would that have done to
- the ProBush.com?
- A. We also own ProKerry.com. We were ready to
- unload that in the event he became elected
- President.
- ) Q. So entrepreneurship before party politics?
- 1 A. As long as the country is still capitalist.
- 2 Q. Now, I need to ask you this series of
- questions. I asked Michael about it.
- Before you developed the Traitors List,
- did you do any research on the individuals you
- listed on the Traitors List?
- 7 A. I personally did no research.
- 3 Q. Do you know if Michael did any?
- 9 A. None besides collecting their images off
- 1 Q. Did you pay for any of those images you
- collected off Google?
- 3 A. No, we did not.
- 4 Q. For example, the Senator Abourezk image, do you
- know where you got that from?

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- States of America?
  - 2 A. Not to my knowledge.
  - 3 Q. Now, has -- he was talking about a distinction
  - between webmaster and domainer.
  - 5 A. Domainer.
  - 6 O. Domaining?
  - A. Domaining. I am a domainer.
  - Q. You're the domainer. What's that mean?

  - A. Basically I buy and sell domain names, whether they be fresh registrations, as in a name 10
  - that's never been registered before, or if I 11

  - 12 pick up an expired registration, which was
  - 13 someone else's website. They built the whole
  - website and lost interest in it and let it
  - 15 expire, at which time I would collect it, pay
  - 16 or either take part in an auction. Or if no
  - 17 one else wanted it, I would take it myself. It generates traffic which generates money. 18
  - Q. If you hold those long enough, the person whose 19 name might be closest to that might want to buy 20
    - it from you at some point?
  - 2 A. Typically, no. You don't try to engage in that
  - kind of activity. That's cyber squatting. 23
  - Q. That's where you steal somebody's name and sell 24

it back to them for more?

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- A. That's correct.
- Q. You don't want to do that?
- A No. In fact, there's been instances where I have picked up a name, and the person has wanted it back, and they have to approach me, at which point I generally give it back to them for a reasonable cost, for time and fees, just for the money I paid to get the name.
- Q. Do you know anything about whether your pages are archived from time to time?
- A. As far as I understand, they are not or ever were archived.
- Q. You don't know if GoDaddy archives it at all?
- A. I do not believe GoDaddy archives it.
- Q. What were the reasons you felt -- I heard Michael's reasons. Why did you develop the Traitors List, or why were you involved in that?
- A Traitor List is a parody. May not have been clearly defined in all points. If you're familiar with what a parody really is, the bottom line is if you would imagine all of these individuals and how they feel towards the government and the Bush administration, the parody is on them as if to say that this is how

A. Correct.

- Q. What website or what are your parodying with the Traitors List? What are you making fun of there?
- A. The parody is the overall tone of the left or liberal media and/or reaction to the Patriot Act, complaints of rights being squelched or squashed, washed away, and the whole point of people expressing that they are dissenting, although they're at the same time fearful their dissent will lead to their own persecution, or something along those levels.
- 13 Q. And you don't believe that to be true, so, therefore, you're parodying it?
- 15 A. Exactly
- 16 Q. You never heard Senator Abourezk, for example, 17 say anything negative about President Bush, 18 other than signing on to that Not In Our Name 19 Petition?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- Q. Did you perceive that to be negative?
- 22 A. The tone of the petition, yes.
- 23 Q. Towards President Bush.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Was there anything else offensive about it?

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this group of people feels the government is becoming, as if to say they believe more that they're likely to be rounded up than we do.

That's where the parody lies. That it would more be something that they would concoct in their own mind. Thus us giving, leading it to being a parody of them.

- Q. I'm trying to follow that. That's a complex explanation.
- A It is complex. A lot of the website is very deep with deep meanings like that that are a parody of a parody, or a parody with some other different undertones, which are a lot of, again, where I add to the website as opposed to my brother. So I go into some of the more finer things like that, and then he puts it up.

something that's already occurred in a sense.

A. The overall tone of the petition struck to me that we're at a juncture where people kind of feel the need to not respect the President at the same time they dissent from him.

I just felt like they didn't have to necessarily be mutually exclusive events. One can dissent and still respect the office of the President.

I thought the Petition was, indeed in bad taste, and I believe those are my words, not my brother's, that the petition was made.

- 12 Q. Was the Not In Our Name Petition treasonous13 against the United States?
- 14 A. Not at all.

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- 15 Q. Other than that one petition, was there
  16 anything else that Senator Abourezk ever did
  17 that drew your ire at the time you put him on
  18 the Traitors List?
- 19 A. No, there was not. In fact, he was in our
  20 mind, we knew nothing more about him than we
  21 knew about the 140 other people that had signed
  22 the Petition who were in the limelight, so to
  23 speak, the ones who signed it, endorsed it, and
  24 got the other members of the public to sign it,

25 also.

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Q. Now, you remember receiving the e-mail, and then the legal letter after that from Mr. Epp asking you to take his name off the list. Do you recall that?

- A. I do.
- o. You were around when that came. Correct?
- Q Michael talked to you about it. Right?
- A. Yes, he did.
- Q Did you feel as strongly about not taking him off as Michael did?
- A. My reasoning for not taking him off was at the time the Senator had already escalating it by sending us a cease and desist to a legal level. If we were to remove him and issue an apology and pay him money, it would certainly lead the way for the breakdown of the rest of our site, and others would surely follow.

We do feel we legally are in the right. But the fact it was kicked off on a legal aspect and not a simple request.

- Q. Got you mad?
- A. Not mad. It got us careful.
- Q. You were afraid it would open the flood gates.
- A. I do understand the legal implications of

1 Q. I mean you've sat in here, I think you sat in

- on his deposition yesterday. 3 A. Yes, that's true.
- 4 Q. You've seen him today?
- 5 A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. Does he seem like a bad guy to you?
- 7 A. I could say honestly I like the guy. Seems
- like a very nice guy.
- 9 Q. Do you still feel as strongly about not taking
- him off the Traitor List after having spent the 10 last two days with him? ΙI
- 12 A. We actually discussed --

MR. PARSON: Don't get into any attorney-client communication.

5 A. Right. As far as taking him off goes, if it was my personal opinion at this point, I would 16 gladly take him off. I don't have anything 17 18 against the Senator. I think he's a great 19 man. I liked listening to him yesterday. I 20 thought he had some interesting stuff to say.

> MR. PARSON: Also, for the record, we offered to take him off and issue some sort of an apology in exchange for dropping the lawsuit. It was rejected by your side.

MR. ABOUREZK: To the extent that

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precedent.

- Q. You were afraid he would open the flood gates and get more lawsuits or whatever.
- A. Exactly.
- Q. Did you feel like you were sort of holding up a standard for other Internet sites, as well, or were you more defending your own position?
- A. We may well have been, but that wasn't our motive at all. It was strictly keeping in focus with what best we would need to do to protect ourselves and our rights.
- Q. So even if you, for example, signed some sort of settlement agreement or whatever, you were still concerned about opening the flood gates?
- A. Right, as far as any kind of public sentiment would have gone.
- Q. Did you have money to pay for what he asked for initially, that \$2500?
- A. No.
- ) O. Or \$2000.
- A. We did not have it.
- ¿ Q. You would agree with me that Senator Abourezk
- sufficiently communicated he didn't want to be
- on the list. Correct?
- 5 A. Yes.

addresses settlement negotiations, I would object and move to strike that last comment.

- Q. I think you indicated when you talked to South Dakota Public Radio, that in hindsight you thought "traitor" was a strong word.
- A. Yes, it is a strong word.
- Q. Do you still feel that way?
- A. Yes, I do.
- Q. You've made the statement before that, "We don't believe that these people are traitors to 1 the United States. There is no traitorous activity on their behalf." True?
- 13 A. True.
- Q. You basically said that about all the people on 15 the Traitors List, didn't you?
- 16 A. That is correct.
- Q. That was true of Senator Abourezk, as well?
- 18 A. Yes, it was.
- Q. You told Joan Russell and South Dakota Public Radio, you agreed you had called him a traitor 20
- 21 on the web page?
- 22 A. I believe the web page speaks for itself.
  - Q. So that's a yes?
- 24 A. As far as the website does say Traitor List,
- does not single Senator Abourezk out, though.

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Q. At the time you put Senator Abourezk on the Traitor List, you knew he wasn't a traitor. True?

A. That is correct.

MR. PARSONS: I'll just object as ambiguous. The answer stands.

- Q. You probably heard me ask Michael about this earlier. At the time you first, maybe in the
- first year you put this on the website, there
- was a lot of fear in our nation after the World Trade Center attack. Right?
- A. I would say there was definitely fear across the nation.
- Q. And fear of further attacks. Correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- i Q. A lot of suspicion of individuals during that
- period of time?
- 3 A. I don't know if I would say a lot of suspicion
- towards individuals in general, no.
- ) Q. The FBI got, we know from the press, they got a lot of reports on people that other people
- thought were suspicious. Right?
- A. To my knowledge, there were no witch-hunts, if
- that's what you're asking.
- Q. I'm not asking about witch-hunts. I'm talking

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were out buying duct tape and plastic for their homes. Correct?

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- 3 A. That is correct.
- 4 Q. We know at least the climate of fear extended up until a year ago.
  - MR. PARSON: Object as ambiguous. Go ahead.
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. For example, you're familiar with the country's
- reaction to Japanese Americans in World War II
  - during the war.
- 12 A. I am. 13 Q. Being accused of being Japanese American today
  - has far and fewer implications than during
- World War II. Correct? 15
- 16 A. It's kind of hard to accuse someone of being an
- ethnicity. They are or they aren't. I really 17
- 18 couldn't follow that question.
- 19 Q. But being implicated as being Japanese
- American. Let me say it that way.
- 21 A. Well, you are or you aren't.
- 22 Q. It has far fewer implications today than it did
- 23 back then in World War II. Right?
- 24 A. It has fewer implications to be a Japanese
  - American today than it did then.

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- about the general atmosphere of suspicion.
- LA. I would agree up to the point there were not
- witch-hunts.
- 1 Q. Would you agree with me that calling somebody a
- traitor during that period of time would have
- been a more serious allegation than it would be
- today when we've kind of relaxed ourselves a
- little bit more?
- A. No. I really don't.
- O. Why not?
- 1 A. I believe at the time, in fact, more so then
- than now, the term "traitor" was just a popular
- term being thrown around, whether it be in the 3
- media, public circles, and I do not believe the
- Traitor List was actually published until 5
- sometime late 2002. So we're talking a whole 6
- year and a couple odd months past that. 7
- I believe that's -- in addressing your
- question. I would say if we had thrown up 9
- Traitors the day of September 11, maybe there 0
- would be a little more serious, but we're 1
- talking a year and probably a couple months .2
- afterwards. 13
- 14 Q. It was only a year ago that Tom Ridge moved us
- up to the orange level of alert, and people

- 1 Q. I guess my whole point is in an atmosphere of
  - 2 fear and suspicion that we talked about, even 3
    - up until a year ago, to be called -- to call
  - 4 someone a traitor is a highly charged word or
  - set of words.
  - 6 A. It is a strong word, and there is a lot of
  - strong rhetoric permitted in the United States.
  - 8 Q. You published this website because you
  - supported President Bush. Right?
- 10 A. I published this website because there was a 11
  - niche for support for President Bush.
- 12 Q. So you are looking at it more from the business
- angle? 13
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Would it be fair to say you wanted to stifle
- some of the criticism of President Bush by 16
- publishing the Traitor List? 17
- 18 A. Personally, no.
- 19 Q. Was it only your brother that felt that way?
- 20 A. Possibly. That would have to be addressed by
- him. I mean I don't know.
- 22 Q. So you didn't have any political --
- 23 A. Very little. I am not very politically
- motivated here. 24
- 25 O. So as far as you're concerned, the Traitors

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List was not intended to back off critics of	1		amusing.
President Bush?	2	Q.	You would agree with me that as far as you
A. That's correct.	3		know, it's not that parody of Senator
10. If I remember right, on the South Dakota Public	4		Abourezk hasn't been amusing to him.
Radio, you indicated you believed you were	5	A	I do understand that. I would hope that I'm
doing the right thing by leading this country	6		sorry to hear that, that it wasn't as amusing
to the next phase, which is very stern	7		to him as it was to others. All in all, most
patriotism, putting that in quotes. Is that	8		found it amusing.
correct?	9	Q	Are you the person who do you remember that
) A. Yes.	10		exhibit I showed your brother? Exhibit 16.
Q. What do you mean by stern patriotism?	11	1	Are you the person that arranged to sell that
A. Basically allegiance to the country and its	12	1	space on your website?
policies and reflecting within the country	1	1	This is not from our website.
reasonable and acceptable dissent and voices	,	11	I copied that from a page in your website.
and argumentative speech, but stepping outside	15	A	No. There's the web address right there. It's
of the country, very important to stand as one	16	il	not.
7 to the rest of the world.	1		It was a link from your website.
B Q. Was the Traitors List a part of that stern	- 1	- 11	Links leave the website.
9 patriotism you were talking about?	19	Q	I hit it once. It was right in the middle of
0 A. Again, the Traitors List reflected the parody I	20		your website and that came up. Are you aware
mentioned earlier.	21	-	you were selling space for psychic and
2 Q. I understand that you made that your position	22	- 11	pornographic website on
3 in this lawsuit. But is the Traitors List a	23	- 11	. We signed up for the affiliate program for the
4 part of the stern patriotism you were	24	- 1	psychic, and I actually wasn't aware of this
5 describing on South Dakota Public Radio?	25		page that goes there. We were selling
Page 40	5		Page 4
1 A. No. The Traitor List has nothing to do with	1		psychic. We just thought it was amusing to put
2 stern patriotism.	2		a psychic link up. No idea it had anything
3 Q. Are you aware the Nazi party in the '30s, in	3		Live Video Chat. Again, it's not our website,
their rise to power in Germany, used to call	4		so we're not responsible for that content.
for stern patriotism?	5	Q	Even though you get there from your web page?
6 A. No, I'm not aware of that.	6	A	You can get to a lot of web pages from a lot of
7 Q. Would you agree with me that Nazi ideals are	7		other web pages, and they're not responsible.
8 repugnant to the ideals of American democracy?	8	d	Are you going to try to take that off your
9 A. Yes, I would absolutely agree with that.	9		website, now that you know about it?
0 Q. You don't embrace those ideals, do you?	10	Α	. I might try to take try to find out if they
1 A. I do not.	11		have a purely psychic, something just for
Q. Have you ever been in contact with any of the	12		psychics. I do not want our visitors going to
bloggers or others who run political websites	13		see live videos.
either here in South Dakota or elsewhere?	14	Q	You're going to have to do some research?
5 A. No.	15	Α	Yeah. I don't even know where that comes
Q. Regarding this lawsuit?	16		from.
A. No.	17	Q.	To your knowledge how much does it cost to keep
Q. Regarding the Traitors List?	18		the website going right now? What's your
A. Correspondence, me, directly?	19		estimate?
A. Contespondence, me, amount	20	Á.	Upwards of a couple hundred dollars a year.
Q. You or your brother, Michael, to your	21	Q.	Again, I'm not talking about lawsuit costs or
knowledge.	22		anything like that. Just do you anticipate it
A. To my knowledge, no.	23		costs you more than that, more than a few
3 Q. Based on your definition of parody, is it	24		bundred dollars a year?
supposed to be funny? It's supposed to be	25	Α	No, unless there's an extreme explosion of  Page 45 - Page 4
supposed to be family.  15 A. Based on my definition? It's supposed to be			Page 45 - Page 4
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bandwidth. I mean right now we're ranked somewhere around 200,000 as far as all the websites on the Internet go. They keep track of websites from like one to three million. We're somewhere in the 200,000 range, which is decent. If we were to move up to the below 100,000 range, between 1 and 100,000, that would definitely cost a lot more money.

- o. Would your answer be the same as your brother's as to why Jane Fonda and Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz were added to the list, if you recall?
- A. The list? I'm sorry, I thought you meant the lawsuit. They were added because they also signed the Not In Our Name.
- Q. You also agree with your brother that initially the disclaimer was on the last page of the website?
- A. It was at the bottom of the Traitor List.
- Q Twenty-four pages in basically. Right?
- A. Scrolling.
- Q. Are you planning on calling any expert witnesses in this case?
- A. I have no idea.

MR. PARSONS: I object to the extent that would call for any communications with your

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attorney.

MR. ABOUREZK: He answered he has no idea, anyway.

MR. PARSON: Okay.

- O. Have you ever talked with this Professor Vololch?
- A. No, I have not.
- Q. Have you ever appeared on any television or radio programs, other than South Dakota Public Radio, about this lawsuit or the Traitors List?
- A. No.
- O. And you were on that call-in program, when was that, the summer of 2003? Is that correct?
- + A. I believe so, if you're talking about the one where Mr. Epp was, also.
- i Q. Yes. I'll show you what's been marked Exhibit
- 8. Take a look at that, if you would. I'll
- represent to you that's a transcript of the
- radio program you were on.
- ) A. Okay. This is it.

MR. PARSON: I'll object to the extent it assumes facts not in evidence regarding the complete accuracy of the transcript.

MR. ABOUREZK: I'll go ahead and offer

that as an exhibit to your deposition.

1 Q. Then, if you would, take some time and look at it. If you see any inaccuracies, would you report those to your attorney, and he could provide those to me?

5 A. Sure.

6 Q. It will be a attached your deposition, so you'll get a copy of it. 8

Was it your idea to put the disclaimer on the website?

- 10 A. Yes, it was.
- 1 Q. What prompted that?
- 12 A. Like any business or organization that protects 13 itself. It was there basically for the same 14 reason. I'm familiar with the Larry Flint and 15 Hustler information, and I used that exact 16 wording.
- 17 Q. From Hustler?
- A. From Hustler, which was found to be acceptable by the, I believe the Supreme Court.
- 20 Q. Did somebody provide that to you?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 O. Another website?
- 23 A. No. I took that rnyself.
- 24 Q. From the Hustler site?
- 25 A. Not from the Hustler site. Just I knew from

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the movie, from reading about it, from seeing the inside of Hustler, that it says, "Parody, not to be taken seriously."

- Q. Now, if you -- it must not have been an obvious parody, if you felt you had to put a disclaimer in it.
- A. That's not necessarily true. The disclaimer is just there for general protection. It's obvious with or without the disclaimer in my 10
- Q. Other than Hustler, have you ever seen a 12 disclaimer in any other parodies, either on a 13 website or in print?
- A. Plenty of times. I can't recall specifically. I think Spy used to do it, Spy Magazine, used 15 16 to have parodies all the time. It would say, 17 "Parody, not to be interpreted," blah, blah, 18 blah. Some similar statement. I specifically 19 chose the one from the Larry Flint case, 20

MR. ABOUREZK: I think I'm just about done. I'm going to consult with my co-counsel

(A recess was taken)

25 Q. One last question or two. I just want to

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